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1. MIN ED CONF CLOSED ON NOTE OF CONSENSUS AND HARMONY. FINAL REPORT ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. ONLY RESOLUTION (DR 11/7) NOT PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS VOTE WAS ON UN UNIVERSITY. ON THAT ISSUE SOVIET BLOC, 8 VOTES, VOTED AGAINST RESULTION WHICH PLEDGED SUPPORT TO NEW UN UNV. SOV DELEGATE SPOKE AGAINST RESOLUTION AND STATED FLATLY THAT SOV GOVT WAS OPPOSED TO UN UNIV.

2. DRAFT FINAL REPORT, WHICH CONTAINS ALL RESOLUTIONS IN ALMOST FINAL FORM -- THERE WERE A FEW AMENDMENTS FROM FLOOR -- BEING POUCHED DIRECTLY TO DEP FROM BUCHAREST.

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EM KEY RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: DR 11/19

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LOOKS TOWARD FUTURE, REAFFIRMING THAT EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES OF
UNESCO WILL PROMOTE CLOSER COLLABORATION IN FIELD OF HIGHER
EDUCATION AND IN OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES OFCONCERN TO UNESCO,
WILL CONTINUE TO EXAMINE WAYS OF STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION,
PARTICULARLY BY WORKING OUT APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS,
GIVES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE CONVENING UNDER UNESCO
AUSPICES PERIODIC CONFERENCES OF MEMBER STATES OF EUROPE AND
AUTHORIZESTHE DG TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO 18TH GC; DR 11/17
IN STRONG LANGUAGE RECOMMENDS STRENGTHENING OF THE UNESCO
BUCHAREST CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. AN AMENDMENT VIEWED
AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BY THE CANADIANS OPENS ACTIVITIES
OF CENTER TO ALL MEMBER STATES, THUS NOT LIMITING TO EUROPEN
MEMBERS.

4. DR 11/9 MOST FOLLOWING SOV LINE URGES "MEMBER STATES TO
ELIMINATE WHERE NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND TEACHING
MATERIALS THE IDEAS OF HATRED AND ENMITY BETWEEN PEOPLES AND THE
TENDENTIOUS INTERPRETATION OF HISTORY AND CULTURE". WORDS
"WHERE NECESSARY" ADDED AMENDMEN OF YOUGOSLAVIA. W. EUROPEANS
POINTED OUT THAT THEIR SYSTEMS DID NOT TEACH "HATRED OR ENMITY
OR A TENDENTIOUS INTERPRETATION OF HISTORY" SO WHOLE IDEA WAS
IRRELEVANT INSOFAR AS THEY WERE CONCERNED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED
UNANIMOULY.

5. PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT WAS THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT
SEEMED TO GROW AS CONFERENCE PROGRESSED. BY SATURDAY P.M.
DR 11/19 HAD BEEN WORKED OUT THROUGH SERIES OF COMPROMISES
BETWEEN E. EUROPEANS, WHO WANTED STRONGER FUTURE ROLE WITH MORE
CONCRETE PLANS FOR MEETINGS, AND W EUROPE 9 WHO WANTED MORE
WATERED-DOWN VERSION. OF EUROPE 9 FRENCH WERE MOST POSITIVE
FOR MORE DEFINITE UNESCO ROLE. UK AND FRG MOST LUKEWARM.
UK AMENDMENT SERVED AS BASIS FOR COMPROMISE WHICH LET TO
REDRAFTING OF DR AND UNANIMOUS ADOPTION. UK DELEGATE MATHIESON
NDICATED TO US PERMDEL THAT THIS WAS, IN HIS VIEW, THE
ONLY REALLY IMPORTANT DR SINCE IT ENVISIONED ACTION AT POLITICAL
LEVEL TOWARD GREATER PAN-EUROPEAN COOPERATION.

6. INVITATION TO DG TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION OF EUROPEAN
ECURITY CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WAS DRAMATICALLY ANNOUNCED.
SECRETARIAT CONSIDERS THIS OPENING WEDGE FOR UNESCO PLAY GREATER
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ROLE IN PAN-EUROPEAN COOPERATION. AS UNESCO ONLY ORGANIZATION IN
WHICH ALL EUROPEAN STATES (EXCEPT PORTUGAL) BELONGN SECRETARIAT
SEES UNESCO AS LOGICAL VEHICLE FOR COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT AND THAT
MANDATE OF UNESCO -- NAMELY EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND
COMMUNICATIONS, WILL BE MOST LIKELY AVENUES FOR INTIAL MOVES
TOWARD COOPERATION. ALTHOUGH IT WILL LIKELY BE A LONG ROAD,
SCRETARIAT CLEARLY SEES THIS AS A PROMISING BEGINNING AND SUCCESS
OF CONFERENCE BOLSTERS THIS VIEW. OPTIMISM EXPRESSED EVEN THOUGH

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CONCRETE PROPOSALS OF DG TO ESTABLISH OFFICE AND COMMISSION AS FOLLOW-UP WERE REJECTED MORE OR LESS OUT OF HAND. A TURN IN EUROPEAN DIRECTION WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT MOVE FOR UNESCO WHICH HAS DEVOTED ITS OVERWHELMING ATTENTION TO NEEDS OF LDC'S. INTERESTING THAT M'BOW (SENEGAL) PLAYED PROMINENT ROLE IN CONFERENCE AND MADE IT POINT TO KNOW ALL DELEGATIONS. AS HE MAY BE NEXT DG HIS ACCEPTANCE OF EXANDED ROLE FOR UNESCO AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IS SIGNIFICANT. ALSO, ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MADE POINT TO STRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANCE LDG'S AND THAT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION WOULD BENEFIT LDC'S AS MANY FOREIGN STUDENTS AND OTHER EXCHANGEES FROM LDC'S IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

7. PROBLEM OF U/CANADA ENTRANCE INTO EUROPEAN REGION IS STILL VERY COMPLEX ISSUE AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE TELEGRAM. SUFFICE SAY HERE CANADIANS MOST ANXIOUS BELONG AND AMB UNESCO GAGNON WILL BE MEETING WITH US PERMDEL IN FEW DAYS TO GO OVER CONFERENCE AND GIVE VIEWS ON MOST FEASIBLE COURSES OF ACTON ENSURE ENTRY.

8. FYI: SECRETARIAT MEMBER INFORMED US PERM DEL PRC SENT CABLE WITHDRAWING FROM DJAKARTA CONFERENCE SET DEC 10 OF ASIAN REGION BECAUSE OF SOV PARTICIPATION. SECRETARIAT SEES MAJOR BATTLE 18TH GC WHEN PRC WILL ATTEMPT OUST SO FROM UNESCO ASIAN REGION.

9. FINAL POINT OF SIGNIFICANCE WAS VERY ACTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY SPAIN IN CONFERECE. SPAIN ELECTED ONE OF FIVE VP'S AND HEAD SPANISH DELEGATION, DON JULIO RODRIGUEZ, ADDRESSED FINAL PLENARY AS SPOKSEMAN FOR MEDIERRANEAN COUNTRIES NOT MEMBERS OF ANY BLOC, EXPRESSING STRONG APPROVAL FOR CONFERENCE AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS. SPANISH DELEGATION OF 12 ONE OF LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE IN INTRODUCING RESOLUTIONS. EVIDENT THEY ANXIOUS SPAIN HAVE ENHANCED ROLE ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES.
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